

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

STATE OF NEVADA

Plaintiff(s),

vs.

OPTUM, INC., et al.

Defendant(s).

Case #2:24-cv-00493-RFB-DJA

**VERIFIED PETITION FOR
PERMISSION TO PRACTICE
IN THIS CASE ONLY BY
ATTORNEY NOT ADMITTED
TO THE BAR OF THIS COURT
AND DESIGNATION OF
LOCAL COUNSEL**

FILING FEE IS \$250.00

Alexander Akerman, Petitioner, respectfully represents to the Court:
(name of petitioner)

1. That Petitioner is an attorney at law and a member of the law firm of

ALSTON & BIRD LLP

(firm name)

with offices at 350 South Grand Avenue, 51st Floor,
(street address)

Los Angeles,

(city)

California,

(state)

90071,

(zip code)

213-576-1000,

(area code + telephone number)

alex.akerman@alston.com.

(Email address)

2. That Petitioner has been retained personally or as a member of the law firm by

Optum, Inc.; OptumRx, Inc.; OptumInsight, Inc.; OptumInsight Life Sciences, Inc.; UnitedHealth Group Inc.; and The Lewin Group, Inc. to provide legal representation in connection with
[client(s)]

the above-entitled case now pending before this Court.

3. That since December 1, 2011, Petitioner has been and presently is a
 (date)
 member in good standing of the bar of the highest Court of the State of California
 (state)
 where Petitioner regularly practices law. Petitioner shall attach a certificate from the state bar or
 from the clerk of the supreme court or highest admitting court of each state, territory, or insular
 possession of the United States in which the applicant has been admitted to practice law certifying
 the applicant's membership therein is in good standing.

4. That Petitioner was admitted to practice before the following United States District
 Courts, United States Circuit Courts of Appeal, the Supreme Court of the United States and Courts
 of other States on the dates indicated for each, and that Petitioner is presently a member in good
 standing of the bars of said Courts.

Court	Date Admitted	Bar Number
Central District of California	June 6, 2012	CA Bar 280308
Northern District of California	May 22, 2012	CA Bar 280308
Southern District of California	January 3, 2013	CA Bar 280308
Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals	2019	CA Bar 2803088
United States Supreme Court	August 2, 2021	CA Bar 280308

5. That there are or have been no disciplinary proceedings instituted against petitioner,
 nor any suspension of any license, certificate or privilege to appear before any judicial, regulatory
 or administrative body, or any resignation or termination in order to avoid disciplinary or
 disbarment proceedings, except as described in detail below:

None

6. That Petitioner has never been denied admission to the State Bar of Nevada. (Give particulars if ever denied admission):

None

7. That Petitioner is a member of good standing in the following Bar Associations.

California Bar (Bar No. 280308)

8. Petitioner has filed application(s) to appear as counsel under Local Rule IA 11-2 (formerly LR IA 10-2) during the past three (3) years in the following matters: (State "none" if no applications.)

Date of Application	Cause	Title of Court Administrative Body or Arbitrator	Was Application Granted or Denied
NONE			

(If necessary, please attach a statement of additional applications)

9. Petitioner consents to the jurisdiction of the courts and disciplinary boards of the State of Nevada with respect to the law of this state governing the conduct of attorneys to the same extent as a member of the State Bar of Nevada.

10. Petitioner agrees to comply with the standards of professional conduct required of the members of the bar of this court.

11. Petitioner has disclosed in writing to the client that the applicant is not admitted to practice in this jurisdiction and that the client has consented to such representation.

That Petitioner respectfully prays that Petitioner be admitted to practice before this Court
FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS CASE ONLY.

STATE OF California)
COUNTY OF Los Angeles)

Petitioner's signature

Alexander Akerman, Petitioner, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:
That the foregoing statements are true.

Petitioner's signature

~~Subscribed and sworn to before me this~~

Please see attached for
California-compliant jurat.
(Cal. Gov't Code § 8202)

~~Notary Public or Clerk of Court~~

**DESIGNATION OF RESIDENT ATTORNEY ADMITTED TO
THE BAR OF THIS COURT AND CONSENT THERETO.**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Local Rules of Practice for this Court, the Petitioner
believes it to be in the best interests of the client(s) to designate Ryan Gormley,
(name of local counsel)
Attorney at Law, member of the State of Nevada and previously admitted to practice before the
above-entitled Court as associate resident counsel in this action. The address and email address of
said designated Nevada counsel is:

Weinberg Wheeler Hudgins Gunn & Dial, 6385 South Rainbow Boulevard,
(street address)

Las Vegas,
(city)

Nevada,
(state)

89118,
(zip code)

702-938-3813,
(area code + telephone number)

RGormley@wwhdg.com,
(Email address)

1 By this designation the petitioner and undersigned party(ies) agree that this designation constitutes
2 agreement and authorization for the designated resident admitted counsel to sign stipulations
3 binding on all of us.
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5 **APPOINTMENT OF DESIGNATED RESIDENT NEVADA COUNSEL**

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7 The undersigned party(ies) appoint(s) Ryan Gormley as
(name of local counsel)
8 his/her/their Designated Resident Nevada Counsel in this case.

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10 John Kokkinen
(party's signature)

11 Optum, Inc.; OptumRx, Inc.; OptumInsight, Inc.; OptumInsight Life
Sciences, Inc.; UnitedHealth Group Inc.; and The Lewin Group, Inc.
12 (type or print party name, title)

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14 (party's signature)

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16 (type or print party name, title)

17 **CONSENT OF DESIGNEE**

18 The undersigned hereby consents to serve as associate resident Nevada counsel in this case.

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Designated Resident Nevada Counsel's signature

21 Nevada Bar No. 13494

rgormley@wwhgd.com

22 Bar number

Email address

23 APPROVED

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26 RICHARD F. BOULWARE
27 U.S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
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DATED: August 30, 2024

CALIFORNIA JURAT WITH AFFIANT STATEMENT

GOVERNMENT CODE § 8202

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A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California

County of Los Angeles

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me

on this 23rd day of August, 2024
by _____ Date _____ Month _____ Year _____

(1) Alexander Akerman

(and (2) _____)
Name(s) of Signer(s)

proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) who appeared before me.

Signature _____
Signature of Notary Public



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THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA CERTIFICATE OF STANDING

June 14, 2024

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that according to the records of the State Bar, ALEXANDER AKERMAN, #280308 was admitted to the practice of law in this state by the Supreme Court of California on December 1, 2011 and has been since that date, and is at date hereof, an ACTIVE licensee of the State Bar of California; and that no recommendation for discipline for professional or other misconduct has ever been made by the Board of Trustees or a Disciplinary Board to the Supreme Court of the State of California.

THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA


Alex Calderon
Custodian of Records